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Beginning the week of May 9, 2022, the City will be cleaning stormwater catch basins throughout the City, utilizing a contractor, BMC Corp. There are about 3,600 catch basins in the city and it will take about a month to clean them all.

Catch basins carry stormwater off the streets and into the City's drainage system, which ultimately flows to the Charles River. The purpose of this work is to remove sediment and oils that accumulate in the catch basins to reduce the risk of flooding and so that these pollutants don't go into the river.



Remember to keep catch basins free and clear of debris that could clog them when it rains. And help keep the Town and river clean by never placing dog waste, leaves, litter or pollutants down the storm drain.

For additional information, please refer to the DPW web-site, at <http://www.watertowndpw.org/161/Stormwater-Management>.